

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012  
AT 5:30 AT TOWN HALL**

**Called to order at 5:30 PM**

**Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen**

**Dept. Heads present: Keith Sowl; Jen Croonborg-Murphy at 6:10 PM**

**Public present: Kevin Cheuvront, Mike Starck, Charlie Brummer, Ed Muzik**

**I. Public Comment** none

**II. Vouchers** approved in the amount of \$20,542.10; BF/JP 5A Motion Carries [Clerk's note: Correct total should be \$18,712.78 due to two changes: reduction of \$1829.59 (unemployment insurance included twice); and addition of \$.20 (Bill's Collision Center voucher was recorded as \$88.00 but should have been \$88.20).]

**III. Alternative Claims** approved in the amount of \$1,933,705.08. High amount due to payments to Bayfield School District of \$1,080,983.05 and Ashland County of \$610,142.47 BF/JP 5A MC

**IV. Treasurer's Report** approved by motion showing balances as follows: Checking balance of \$968,871.95; Cash balance of \$966,159.11; total balance of \$1,529,700.19 BF/LW 5A MC

**V. Minutes**

A. STBM 2/21/12 [postponed from 2/28/12] approved as submitted BF/LW 5A MC

B. STBM 2/28/12 approved as submitted BF/LW 5A MC

C. RTBM 2/28/12 approved as submitted JP/BF 5A MC

**VI. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Town Foreman's Report placed on file by unanimous consent.

a. Request from Town Foreman to schedule a Special Meeting: will likely be posted on Friday for a Tuesday or Wednesday meeting (depending on when the material is available) to discuss to review Chequamegon Bay Engineering's 95% Concept Designs for Big Bay Town Park. [Clerk's note: STBM scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 3:00 PM at Town Hall]

**B. Parks**

1. Big Bay Trails Draft Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] Between Big Bay State Park and Big Bay Town Park approved by motion and authorized Town Chair to sign: BF/JP 5A MC. Ed Muzik of Big Bay State Park will start this MOU through the Department of Natural Resources system for eventual approval by them. Muzik also briefly discussed the Management Plan for the State Park and added that he is working with Foreman Sowl on the American with Disabilities Act requirements for the Park.

**C. MRF**

1. MRF Supervisor's Report placed on file by unanimous consent.

**D. Airport**

1. Resolution #2012-0313 to Adopt the Airport Six-Year Plan adopted by motion BF/LW 5A MC

**VII. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes January 2012 placed on file by unanimous consent with praise from liaison Jim Patterson for the extended hours.

### **VIII. Police**

A. Police Chief's Report placed on file by unanimous consent. Jim Patterson, Police Dept. liaison reported that it appears that the Ambulance Service is not purchasing new Auto Defibrillators [AED] as previously thought. Therefore, it is hoped that members of the public may wish to donate funds for new AED units for the police cars.

### **IX. Emergency Services**

#### **A. Fire Department**

1. Fire Chief's Report January 2012 not available
2. Fire Chief's Report February 2012 placed on file with one dissension: Ham Ross felt that the report is "not comprehensible."

Jen Croonborg-Murphy arrived at 6:10 PM.

#### **B. Ambulance Service**

1. Ambulance Director's Report March 2012 placed on file by unanimous consent.

### **X. Committees**

#### **A. Zoning**

1. Zoning Administrator's Report placed on file by unanimous consent. The Zoning Administrator's request to attend a Wetlands Seminar at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors' Center on March 20, 2012, approved by consensus at a cost of ferry fees & mileage. Clerk to write letters to John Spangberg & Larry Hildebrandt upon the occasion of their retirement. Beth Fischlowitz asked how many hours Margaretta Kusch [Zoning Clerical Assistant] is working with a view to expanding her hours at some point in the future.

### **XI. Town Hall Administration**

- A. Ordinance #2012-03 to Rescind Ordinance #09-14-A which created the Town Administrator position. Adopted and signed: effective March 15, 2012. BF/HR 5A MC
- B. Potential Items for Annual Town Meeting: none
- C. Request for Contract Extension RE Genevieve Sanders, Assessor, Request for contract extension approved by motion at requested increased pay as follows: \$19,500 for the years 2013 through 2015. This is an increase of \$1500 due to increasing demands from the Department of Revenue (DOR) [according to Sanders] and may require a further increase due to DOR demands.
- D. Personnel Policy RE: Department Heads' credit cards: still being researched.

### **XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- A. Joint meeting between Town Board & Town Plan Commission
- B. Monthly Budget Report
- C. Website Update
- D. Town Administrator Job Description with a view to post by the end of April.
- E. Personnel Policy: credit cards for dept. heads.
- F. Prioritizing the Harbor Plan

### **XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

### **XIV. Adjournment** at 6:27 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk  
Approved as submitted on 3/27/12  
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk